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Decision on Petition

In re Patent of Hermansen et al. :
Patent No. 6,205,885 :
Issue Date: March 27, 2001 :
Application No. 09/391,709 :
Filing Date: September 8, 1999 :
Attorney Docket No. SLIP-21 :

This is a decision on the request for reconsideration under 37 CFR 1.378(e), filed July 31, 2008, to reinstate the above-identified patent.

The petition is **granted**.

The instant patent issued March 27, 2001. The last day the maintenance fee could have been timely paid, with a surcharge, was Monday, March 28, 2005. The maintenance fee was not timely paid and the patent expired at midnight on March 28, 2005.

Petitioner requests reinstatement of the patent. Petitioner has met the requirements to reinstate the above-identified patent pursuant to 37 CFR 1.378(b). Therefore, the maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

As of October 1, 2007, the 3.5 year maintenance fee amount increased from \$450 to \$465. The prior petition was filed on October 18, 2007. The prior petition only included \$450 for the maintenance fee. Therefore, \$15 has been charged to petitioner's deposit account for the remainder of the fee.

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